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Dear Joanne

Re: DM/25/0445 Land at North Colwell Farm

I write in connection with the above planning application, in particular regarding the ecology of the site.

I note that the Place Services (the Council's Ecology consultee) stated in their 30/5/25 submission: *"Please note we do not provide comments on Great Crested Newt as we have been instructed to leave comments on this European Protected Species to the NatureSpace Partnership."*

However, I cannot see any submissions by NatureSpace Partnership on Great Crested Newt (GCN). Please can you advise me whether NatureSpace will be submitting any information on this?

I also note that Millers Homes in their Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA), stated *"Pond 3 was found to be of 'Average' suitability for GCN. An eDNA assessment will be carried out on this pond."* (Section 4.6.4 of EcIA)

I have spoken to the resident who owns the property where Pond 3 is located and he stated that contractors from Millers Homes carried out the eDNA assessment months ago.

Please can you ask Millers Homes to update the EcIA to include the results from Pond 3.

I note that Millers Homes only include the results from 1 of the 7 local ponds, and extrapolate this result to state that *"it is unlikely the site supports GCN"*. I believe a more thorough assessment is required, especially as the site is in the Amber risk zone for GCN.

Thank you for your time in considering this submission.

Yours faithfully

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